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UNITED STATES  
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE  
APPLICATION OF: Rowland et. al.  
CASE: 57690.010227 (please note new  
docket number – prior docket no.  
2010705)  
SERIAL NO: 10/077,085  
FILED ON: February 15, 2002  
FOR: CONTAINER FOR HOUSING A  
PREMIUM

Request for Three Months  
Extension of Time  
Pursuant to  
37 C.F.R. §1.136

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Dear Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 50-2428.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant respectfully requests an extension of time of the period in which to file a response to the Office Action mailed June 13, 2003, regarding the above-identified patent application, for three additional months, from September 13, 2003 to and including December 15, 2003, including the final intervening weekend. Applicant submits that the three month extension of time fee of \$950.00 is herein enclosed.

Applicant respectfully submits that a shortened statutory period of three months

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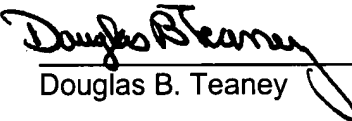
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was originally set for September 13, 2003, and that this application is not involved in an interference proceeding. Applicant respectfully requests that the present request for an extension of time be granted.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned, at (312) 456-8400, is respectfully invited.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 15, 2003

  
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